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SUBJECT: TREASURY/CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

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1. HAVE DISCUSSED DEPUTY SECRETARY AND PARTY VISIT BOMBAY PORT ON JAN 9 WITH CHAIRMAN BOMBAY PORT AUTHORITY AGARWAL. LATER WOULD PREFER HAVE PORT VISIT BEGIN AT 1430 HOURS RATHER THAN 1300/1315 HOURS (AS WOULD BE CASE IF GROUP CAME DIRECTLY FROM AIRPORT). STATES ZJ-PKTJTDH PBRBTVMBPT SINCE CUTS ACROSS PORT LUNCH PERIOD. AGARWAL WOULD BE PREPARED MAKE ADJUSTMENTS SO AS BEGIN AT 1400 HOURS, BUT WOULD PREFER 1430 HOURS. HE WOULD ENVISAGE AN OVERALL VISIT OF APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS BEGINNING WITH BRIEFING AT PORT AUTHORITY OFFICES FOLLOWED BY VISIT TO PORT EXPANSION PROJECTS FINANCED BY WORLD BANK. ON BASIS FOREGOING, GROUP WOULD PROCEED FROM AIRPORT TO TAJ MAHAL ARRIVING THERE AT ABOUT 1300/1315 HOURS AND DEPARTING HOTEL AT 1415 HOURS FOR PORT AUTHORITY. WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION SOONEST WHETHER FOREGOING TIMETABLE AGREEABLE.

2. PORT EXPANSION PROJECTS TO BE VISITED BY GROUP WERE BASED ON 1962 WORLD BANK LOAN OF \$18 MILLION AND WERE COMPLETED 1969. THERE NO RECENT OR CURRENT PORT PROJECTS TO BE VIEWED. AS WILL BE NOTED IN BRIEFING, WORLD BANK FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS ENVISAGED FOR BRTBAY FISHING PORT IN SASSOON DOCK AREA. IT MAY BE THAT GOI

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WILL ALSO SEEK WORLD BANK ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION COMNTEMLATED

FOURTH OIL BERTH CAPABLE TAKING UP TO 100,000 DWT TANKERS,  
AND FOR NEW BOMBAY HARBOR TO BE BUILT ON MAINLAND SIDE WHICH  
INTENDED REDUCE BOMBAY PORT CONGESTION. THESE WILL BE TOUCHED  
ON IN BRIEFING BUT ARE NOT POSSIBLE TO SEE EXCEPT BY LAUNCH WHICH  
WOULD ADD ONE TWO HOURS TO SCMG  
ULE. AGARWAL STRESSED HE AND  
HIS STAFF AVAILABLE FOR AS LO  
A AS GROUP DESIRES.

3. ICICI PREPARED ARRANGE BRIEFING/DISCUSSION AT ICICI HEADQUARTERS  
(WHICH LOCATED NEAR PORT AND TAJ MAHAL) BEGINNING 1630/1645 HOURS  
AND CONCLUDING BY 1730/1745 HOURS. THIS WOULD SUPERSEDE EARLIER  
PROPOSED BRIEFING AT HOTEL AT 1930 HOURS. WOULD APPRECIATE  
RECEIVING SOONEST, HOWEVER, SOME IDEA AS TO HOW MANY MEMBERS  
GROUP MIGHT WISH ATTEND THIS SESSION SO THAT WE CAN INFORM  
ICICI CHAIRMAN PAREKH.

4. PAREKH WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING SOONEST WHETHER GROUP WILL  
ATTEND DINNER. PROPOSE TO GIVE THEIR HONOR AT TAJ AT 2030 HOURS.  
INsofar WE CAN DETERMINE, GOI LOOKING TO ICICI IN BOMBAY TO  
REPRESENT ITS INTERESTS AND TO EXTEND HOSPITALITY SO THAT WE  
WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE ANY OTHER INVITATION EMANATING FROM  
INDIAN OFFICIAL SOURCES FOR EVENING JAN. 9.  
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